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LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT of the MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the Year 1943.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the District for the year 1943.

There were fewer live births during 1943 than in 1942, the figures being 64 and 90 respectively.

The infantile mortality for 1943 was 31.1 per 1,000 live births as compared with 49.1 for England and Wales for the same period.

The immunisation of children against diphtheria was continued. There are now 220 children under 5 years and 516 between 5 and 15 years who have received the full course of immunisation. It is hoped that parents who have not had their children immunised will realise the great safeguard offered by immunisation against a deadly disease and see that the little ones are protected by this simple measure.

Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking your most efficient Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Harold Haynes, for the invaluable assistance he has given me.

AREA AND POPULATION.

Area: The acreage of the District at the end of 1943 was 3,547.

Population: This was estimated by the Registrar General to be 4,433.

Rateable Value: The rateable value amounted to £22,111.

The sum represented by a penny rate was as follows:-

£93. 0. 0. gross.
£84. 0. 0. nett.

Public Health Laws: The Adoptive Acts in force are:-

(1) Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act.
(2) Public Health Act.

The Bye-laws in force relate to the following:-

(1) New Streets and Buildings.
(2) Common Lodging Houses.
(3) Slaughter Houses.
(4) Houses let in Lodgings.
(5) Cleansing and Scavenging.
(6) Offensive Trades.
(7) Nuisances.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births: 64 during the year, of these 34 were males and 30 were females.
Birth rate - 14.4 per 1,000 of estimated population.

Still Births: 4 reported during the year.

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Deaths: The number of deaths during the year was 57. 30 were males and 27 were females.
Death rate = 12.7 per 1,000 of estimated population.
Principal causes of death:

Disease	No. of Deaths
Heart Disease	13.
Intracranial Vascular Lesion	11.
Cancer	9.
Influenza	3.
Nephritis	3.
Tuberculosis	2.
Diabetes	2.

Infantile Mortality.

There were 2 deaths of infants under 1 year.
Infantile mortality = 31 per 1,000 live births.

Infectious Diseases.

Cases notified during 1943:

Disease	No.
Measles	39.
Whooping Cough.	16.
Scarlet Fever.	15.
Pneumonia.	11.
Chicken Pox.	7.
Erysipelas	2.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1.

Tuberculosis.

Specimens of sputum examined for tubercle bacilli in the Cheshire County Council Public Health Laboratory during 1943 numbered 11. Only 1 of those was positive.

Number of cases of tuberculosis notified in 1943 was 6. Number of cases remaining on the Register at the end of 1943 was 37. Of these 22 were males and 15 females.

Schools.

The work of routine school Medical Inspection was carried out as in the previous year by a Medical Officer appointed by the Cheshire County Council. The sanitary arrangements and conditions in the schools were reported satisfactory.

Milk Supply.

The Regulations applying to Dairies, Cowsheds and Milk-shops were enforced. The seven accredited farms in the district were inspected by the Inspector during the year.

Water Supply.

The source is an upland spring from the Arnfield Clough. The water, as in many cases from such a gathering ground, is soft and analysis has shown that it is of exceptional purity.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Small pox. Beds are retained in the Hoartshead Smallpox Hospital for cases occurring in the District.

Tuberculosis. Tuberculous patients attend the Tuberculosis Clinic in Hyde. Patients are sent to Sanatoria on the recommendation of the County Tuberculosis Officer.

Diphtheria. Diphtheria cases are admitted into Hyde Infectious Diseases Hospital.

Venereal Diseases. Treatment is provided for venereal diseases at the District Infirmary Ashton-under-Lyne.

Maternity Service. A county Midwife resides in Hollingworth for the domiciliary midwifery in the District. There are also excellent facilities provided for expectant mothers at the District Infirmary and the Lake Hospital both in Ashton-under-Lyne.

Child Welfare. There is a child welfare centre in Hollingworth under a Medical Officer assisted by a Nurse. The Clinic is held fortnightly.

Professional Nursing. There are two District Nurses, one for Hollingworth and Tintwistle and the other for Mottram and Broadbottom.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The Sanitary Inspector works under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health. The work is concerned mainly with the inspection of the District and the detection of nuisance. He also supervises the scavenging of the District.

CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK.

Specimens for Chemical and Bacteriological examinations are sent to the County Public Health Laboratory Chester, the Public Health Laboratory Manchester and the Royal Infirmary Laboratory Chester.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,
HERBERT C. KODILINYE,
M.B., Ch.B., D.O., Oxon,
Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1944.

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HOLLINGWORTH CHILD WELFARE CENTRE

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Medical Officer: Ernest Talbot, M.B., Ch.B.

Health Visitor: Miss A. Bullough, S.C.M., S.R.N., R.S.I.

The meetings are held fortnightly (on Thursdays) at St.Mary's School, Hollingworth.

During the year the Centre was opened on twenty-six occasions. The following are the figures of attendances:-

Total Number of Attendances	1,495.
Total Number seen by Medical Officer	202.
Total Number of New Cases attending	63.
Average Attendance per Meeting	57.

The attendances for the year again indicate continued and increasing interest and appreciation by the mothers, for the assistance and guidance provided at the local Welfare Centre. A review of the attendances during the war period shows that this year there were 275 more attendances than in the preceding year, and 600 more than in the year 1939. These figures are highly satisfactory and show that practical and enlightened mothers have appreciated the services and also the provision of a safe milk supply and the essential vitamins in the form of cod liver oil and fruit juices which have been made available.

The results and benefits gained are shown in the healthy and contented state of the infants. They have been clean, well cared for and well clothed. It is an exception nowadays to see a puny, ailing infant attending the Clinic.

It is pleasing to note that in spite of war time conditions, - one might say, as the direct result of war time conditions, the general health and well being of the infants have been guarded and maintained at a high level. Sound health will be of more importance than ever for the younger generation in the post war period. They will be faced, in later years, with great responsibilities; competition will be keener and much will be expected of them. It is therefore vital that young infants should have every opportunity now of making a good start in life, for which the foundation of good health is of prime importance.

There is apparent amongst the mothers not only pride but a spirit of friendly competition in the care and attention which they give their infants. It is a healthy and encouraging sign; and it is hoped that they will continue to take advantage and make full use of the help provided for their children at the local Welfare Centre.

Nurse Bullough has been a most enthusiastic and industrious worker. She has been very ably assisted by Nurse Hall, who, as the County Midwife, is most directly responsible for the guidance of the mother and for the early welfare of the infant.

The suggestion for improved bus facilities for mothers bringing their infants from Broadbottom has been under consideration and it is hoped that something practical will be forthcoming during the winter months.

Thanks and appreciation are again due to the Ladies' Committee for their continued services and willing help during the year.

ERNEST TALBOT, M.B.,

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Year ending 31st December, 1943.

To The Chairman and Members of the Longdendale Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my report for the year ending December 31st, 1943.

HOUSING.

No houses have been erected during the year.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

Hollingworth Hall, scheduled as an historic building, has been demolished by the Waterworks Authority, whose Reservoirs are some distance from the site. The building was demolished before the Local Authority could take action.

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS ERECTED.

Two garages.

OVERCROWDING.

One serious case of overcrowding has been dealt with.

NUISANCES - ACTION TAKEN AND RESULTS.

Sanitary Inspections	...	1,150.
Statutory Notices Served	...	.2.
Informal Notices Served	...	71.
Abated with or without Notice	...	314.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION ACT) 1919.

RATS AND MICE (INFESTATION ORDER) 1943.

Cases dealt with.

9 Houses. 1 Shop. 1 Cooking Centre. 4 Other Premises. 1 Refuse Tip. Rat destruction at the Broadbottom Road Tip is dealt with by the County Council Rat Catchers. Various gassing and baiting methods are used with satisfactory results. Other infestations are dealt with satisfactorily by the Council's employees.

DISINFESTATION OF HOUSES.

Nature of Infestation	Houses Disinfested	Rooms dealt with	Method of Disinfestation.
Bugs	1	4	Intersecticides fumigants and Beetle Paste.
Beetles	6	6	

DISINFECTION OF HOUSES.

Premises Disinfected	After Infectious Diseases	Method of Disinfection
13 Houses	26 Rooms	Liquid Spraying and Formic Acid Gas.

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LICENSED SLAUGHTER-HOUSES AND KNACKERS' YARDS.

Number of Slaughter-Houses	...	4.
" " Knackers' Yards.	...	1.

Only occasional slaughtering of pigs is carried out in the slaughter-houses.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Number of Carcases Inspected	Where Killed	Carcases or Parts of Carcase Condemned
Pigs 9.	Slaughter Houses	1.
Calves 2.	Farms.	1.

FOOD CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

A quantity of foodstuffs was condemned during the year, this being mostly canned goods.

SCAVENGING.

During the year the Council purchased a Motor Vehicle for the purpose of removing house refuse and pail contents from premises within the area. The vehicle is a covered-in type and a suitable tank is provided for faecal matter. This has proved a great improvement on the former method of having the work done by contractors.

DESCRIPTION AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

Ashbins	...	1,393.
Ashpits	...	8.
Privies (Pails)	...	762.
Privies (Fixed)	...	2.
Fresh Water Closets	...	837.
Waste do.	...	54.
Hand Flush Closets	...	9.
Latrines	...	12.
Septic Tanks	...	94.

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF BATHS.

Private	...	378.
Clubs	...	2.
Public Slipper Baths	...	6.
	Total	386.

CONVERSION OF SANITARY CONVENIENCES.

2 Ashpits substituted with 3 Refuse Bins.

ADDITIONAL CONVENIENCES.

15 Ashbins. 2 Fresh Water Closets. 2 Baths.

FARMS, DAIRIES, COWKEEPERS AND MILK SHOPS.

Farms.	...	42.
Dairies	...	40.
Cowsheds.	...	66.
Cowkeepers & Producers	...	41.
Cowkeepers. Not Producers.		2.
Wholesale Producers.	...	36.
Retail Producers	...	41.
Producers (Raw milk)	...	31.
Producers (Accredited)	...	10.
Producer Retailers (not local)		6.

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FARMS, DAIRIES, COWKEEPERS AND MILK SHOPS -continued)

Milk Shops (Bottled Sterilized)	10.
do. (Bottled pasteurised)	2.
do. (Bottled raw milk)	5.
Wholesalers of bottled sterilized or pasteurised milk (not local)	4.

Visits of inspection have been made during the year to premises within the area where milk is produced or sold, several defects being located and remedied.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

There are 53 premises registered under this heading. Included in same are 14 Retail Bake-houses. Inspections have been carried out during the year, and defects remedied.

SEWAGE OUTFALL WORKS.

Hollingworth and Broadbottom.

Several samples of effluents obtained by the Inspector of the Lancashire Rivers Board during the year have been reported as satisfactory.

WATER SUPPLY STATISTICS.

Populous Area. Houses on Local Authority's Supply.		Out Districts. Approximate number of Houses on Private Water Supply.	
Approximate number of houses served ...	1481.	Wells, Pumps and Springs.	196.
Approximate number of population served ...	4300.	Approximate number of population served.	300.

AVERAGE DAILY WATER CONSUMPTION.

Local Authority's Supply.

	Domestic Supply Thousand Gallons	Other Purposes Thousand Gallons	Total Thousand Gallons
Hollingworth Ward	36.50	3.50	40.00
Mottram & Broadbottom Wards	33.56	4.62	38.18.
Total	70.06	8.12	78.18.

AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION SERVED.

	Population Served	Daily Consumption.	Average Consumption per Head per day.
Hollingworth Ward	1830	36.50 Thou. Gal.	19.94 Galls.
Mottram and Broadbottom Wards	2470	33.56 "	13.58 "

TOTAL AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION PER HEAD OVER WHOLE DISTRICT.

16.27 Galls. per day.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY.

Twelve houses in the Hattersley area have, by agreement with Council, had a satisfactory supply of water piped to their premises.

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Members and Officials of the Council for their co-operation, consideration and helpfulness to me throughout the year, and especially under the existing conditions.

I am,

Yours obediently,

HAROLD HAYNES,

Sanitary Inspector.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

A N N U A L R E P O R T

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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